

Affordable Housing Advisory Board
Minutes of Tuesday, February 10, 2015

Members Present: Diane Beecham, JonZella Bailey-Pridham, Noah Oswald and Arthur Sprinczeles

Excused Absence: Patsy Barbee

Unexcused Absence: Nannie Richmond, Tammy Jacobs, Andrew Shannon, Vanessa Soleil, and Sully Jaffer

Staff Present: James Davis and Audrey Spencer-Horsley

Welcome/Introduction

The members introduced themselves and welcomed Audrey Spencer-Horsley.

Approval of Minutes

The minutes of November 18, 2014, December 9, 2014 and January 13, 2015 were not approved due to the lack of a quorum.

Department Report/County Report

James Davis informed the members that the BOCC raised an issue about advisory board attendance. While the BOCC did not specify which boards experience poor attendance, James stated that the Clerk of the BOCC has requested him to submit the attendance record of all board members scheduled for reappointment. JonZella Bailey-Pridham presented the issue of how to improve attendance. Arthur Sprinczeles recommended that all members receive an email expressing the importance of attendance. Audrey Spencer-Horsley suggested that a letter expressing the importance of attendance should come from the board chair, stating that poor attendance will result in a recommendation of termination from the board. The board can then operate with a smaller membership, thus requiring fewer attendees for a quorum.

James will send the attendance log for FY2013-14 and FY2014-15 to all members. To further address this issue, minutes will henceforth designate whether a member's absence is excused or unexcused. In the continuation of this topic, members discussed whether it would be beneficial to consider meeting every other month, meeting on a different day of the month or meeting at a different time of the day.

Audrey inquired about the work of the board, specifically the purpose of the bus tour. Arthur and JonZella explained that the bus tour provides an opportunity for the members to see the low-income housing choices in Orange County.

JonZella asked whether the Housing Choice Voucher holders residing in GSC units have been relocated. James stated that all voucher holders have moved or are otherwise no longer using a voucher at GSC properties with the exception of one (1) tenant.

Other Business

Audrey Spencer-Horsley invited the members to the Consolidated Plan public hearing on Tuesday, February 17, 2015 at Southern Human Services.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted:

James E. Davis, Jr.